

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, and 5 are amended and claims 7-25 are canceled. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 7-25 are now moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

Summary of Telephone Interview and Corresponding Amendment

On May 13, 2004, Examiner Jacobs called Leonard Hope regarding the present application. Examiner Jacobs indicated that claims 1-6 would be allowable if amendments were made to recite a "buddy server down signal" rather than a "server down signal" as originally claimed. The applicants made the suggested amendments and faxed them to the Examiner on May 13, 2004. Examiner Jacobs indicated, both in a subsequent telephone call on May 17, 2004, and in the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, that claims 1-6 were allowable as amended. Accordingly, because the applicants canceled remaining claims 7-25, the applicants submit that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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